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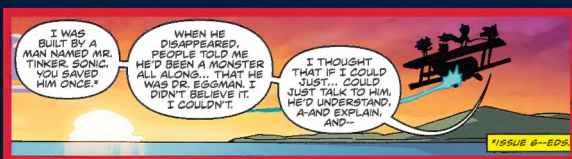
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



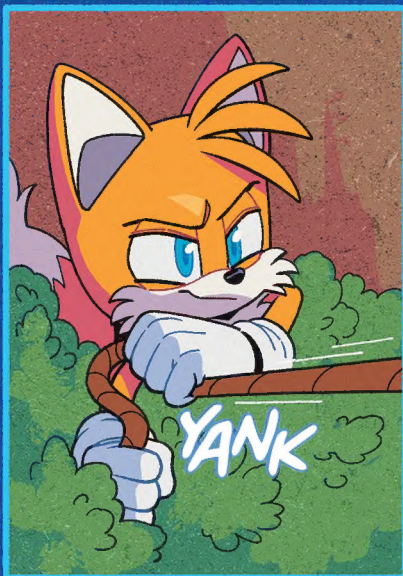
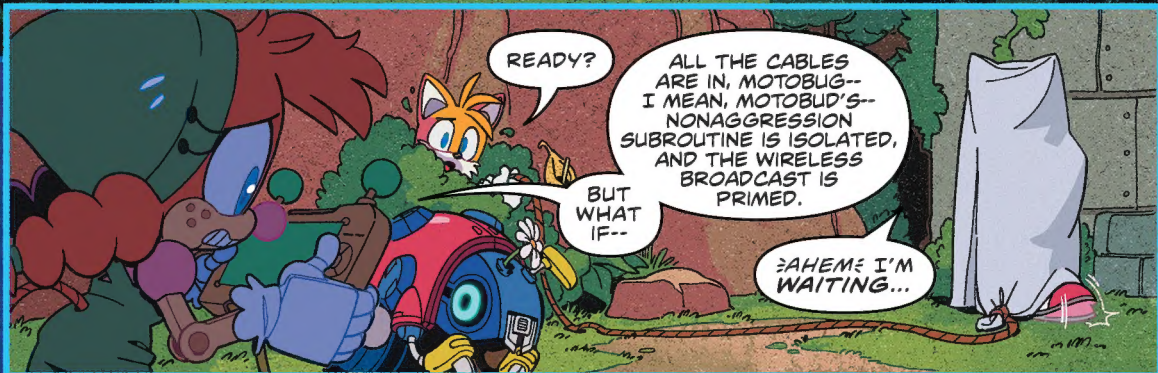
MILES "TAILS" PROWER

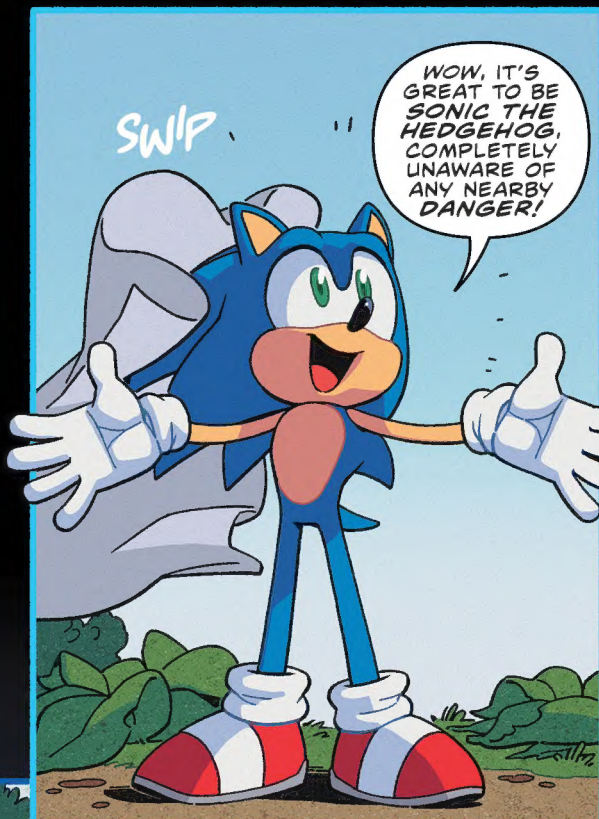
Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



BELLE THE TINKERER

Clumsy Marionette.
Enthusiastic newcomer.

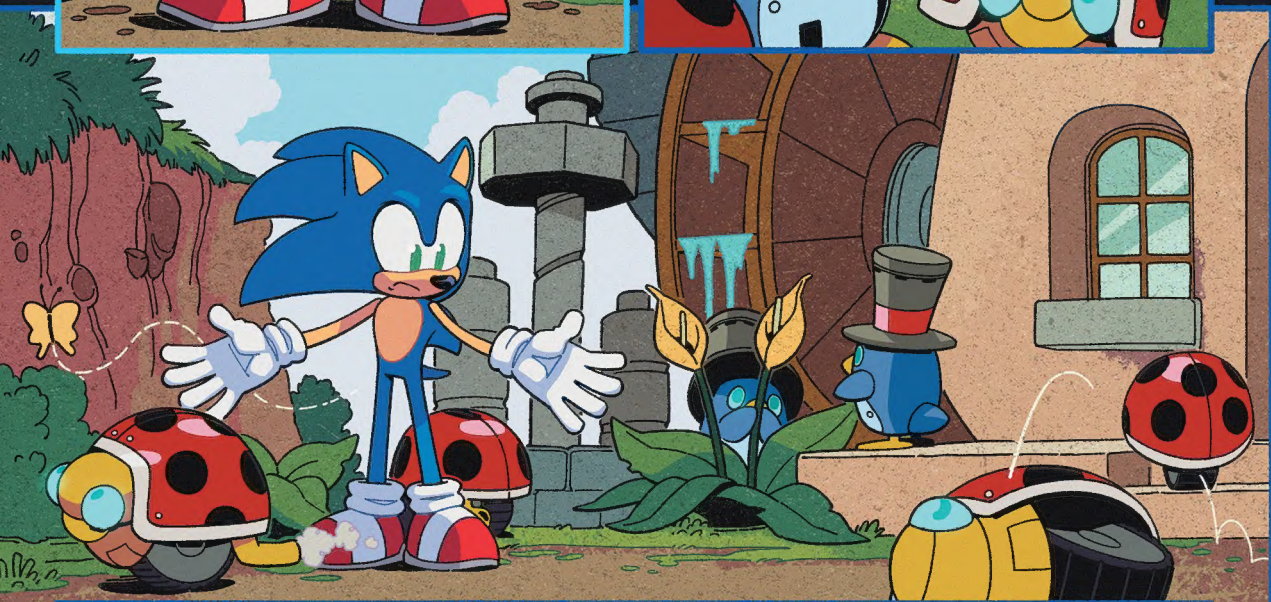




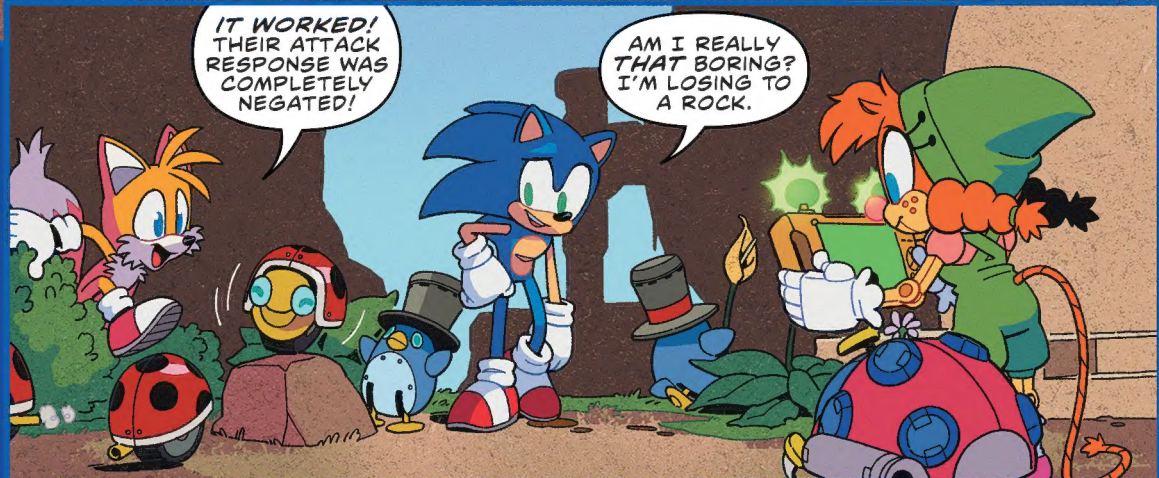
WOW, IT'S GREAT TO BE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF ANY NEARBY DANGER!



I SURE HOPE NO BADNIKS TRY TO SNEAK UP ON ME.



IT WORKED! THEIR ATTACK RESPONSE WAS COMPLETELY NEGATED!

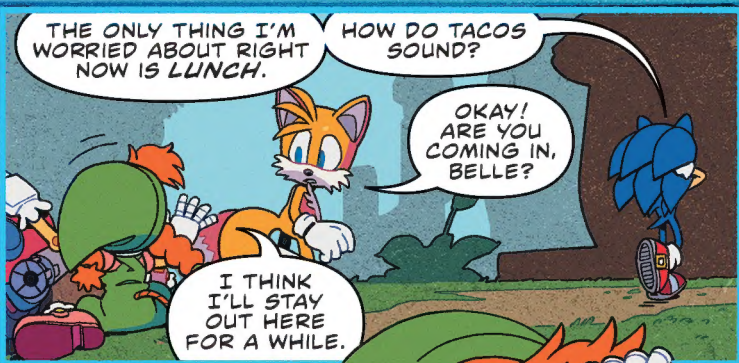


AM I REALLY THAT BORING? I'M LOSING TO A ROCK.



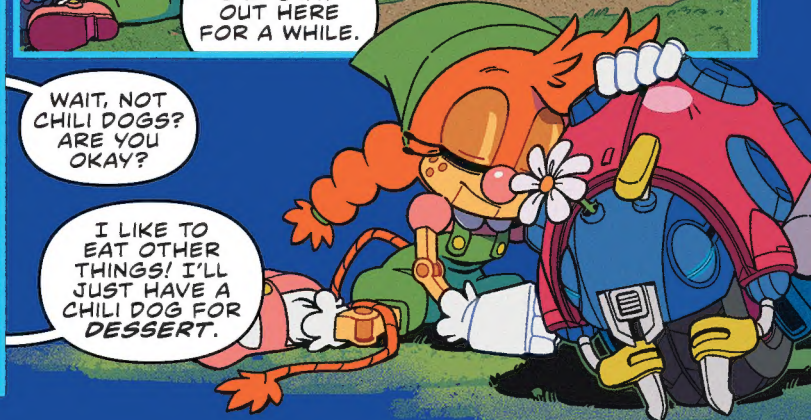
LET'S NOT GET AHEAD OF OURSELVES. EGGMAN'S ALWAYS GOT SOMETHING NEW UP HIS SLEEVE.

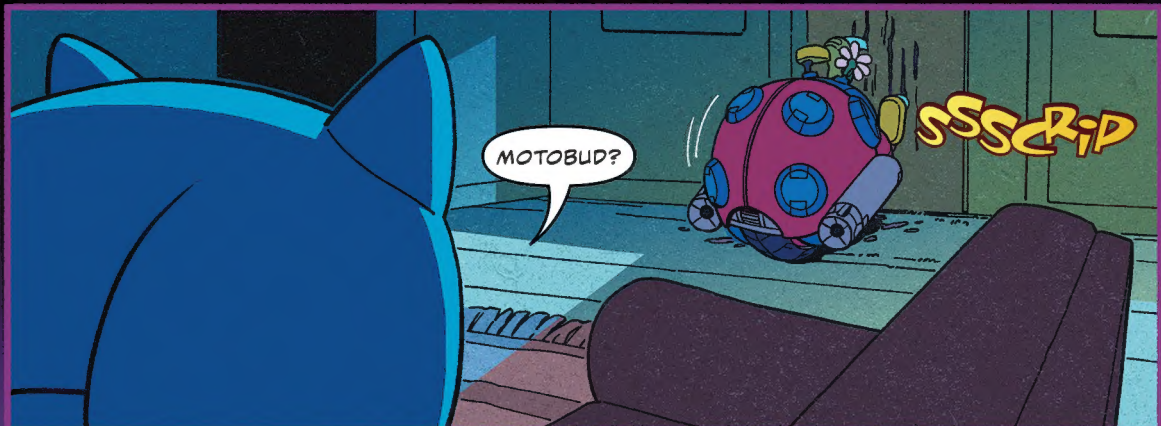
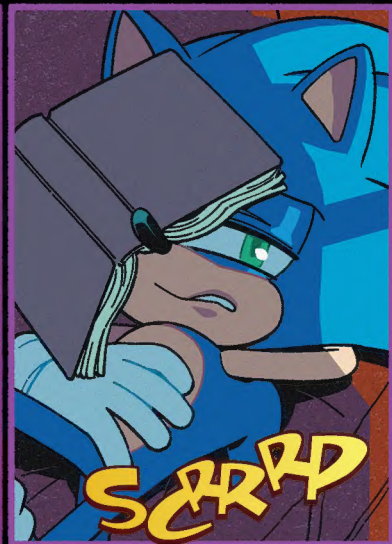
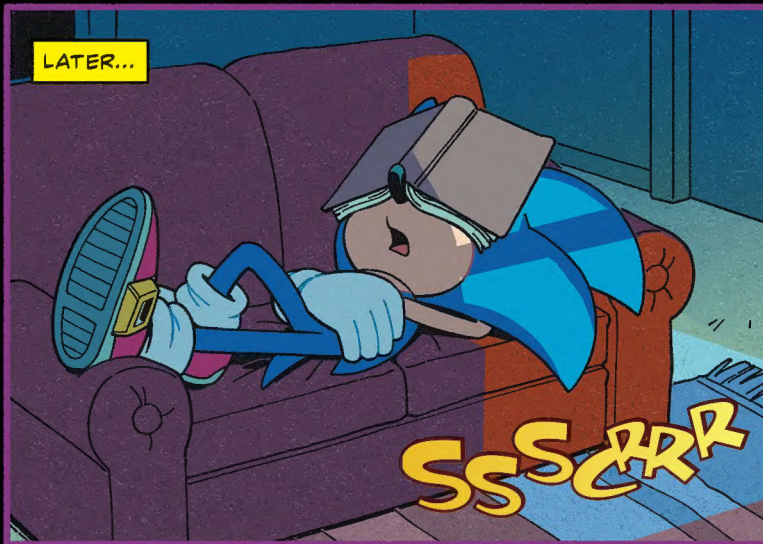
AND WITH THE WEIRD STUFF THAT'S BEEN HAPPENING LATELY, I DUNNO... IT DOESN'T *SEEM* LIKE HIS STYLE, BUT...

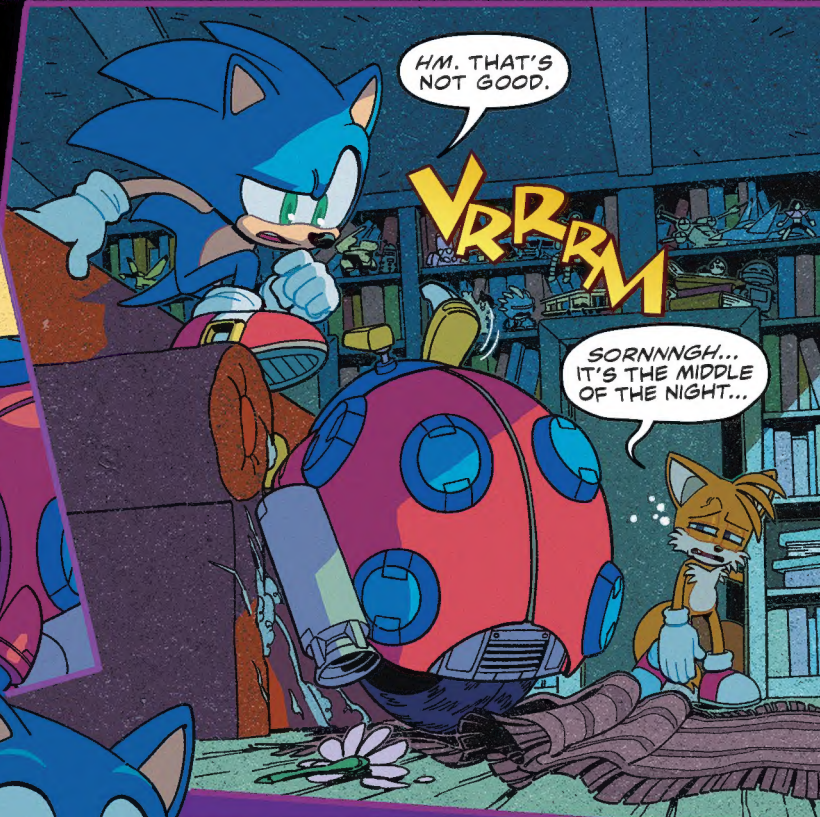
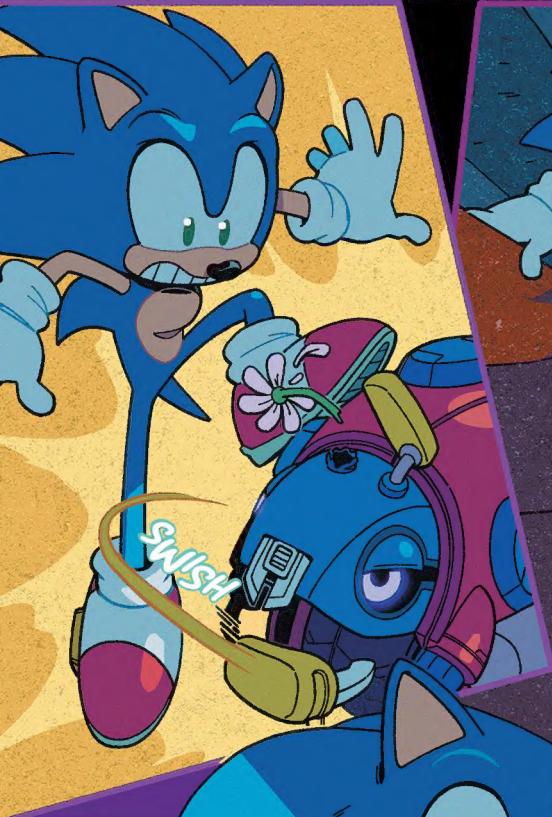
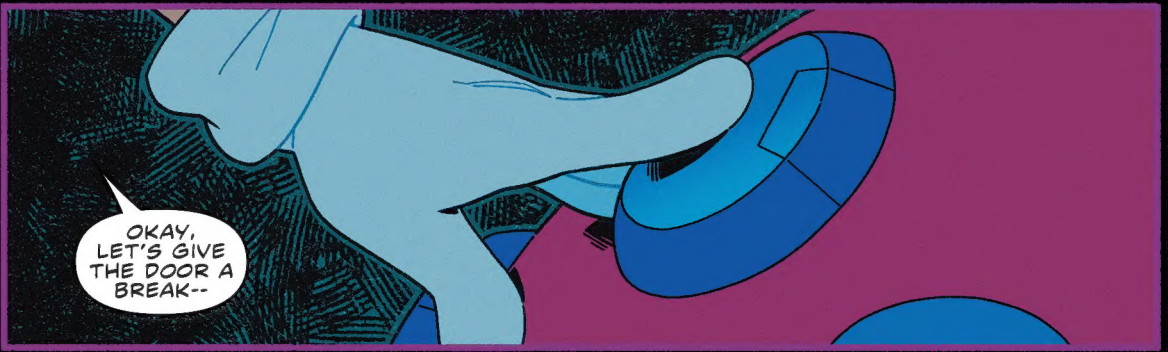


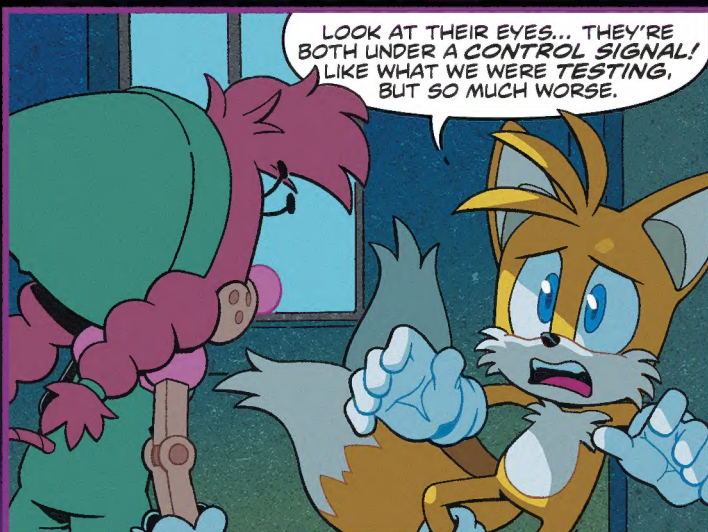
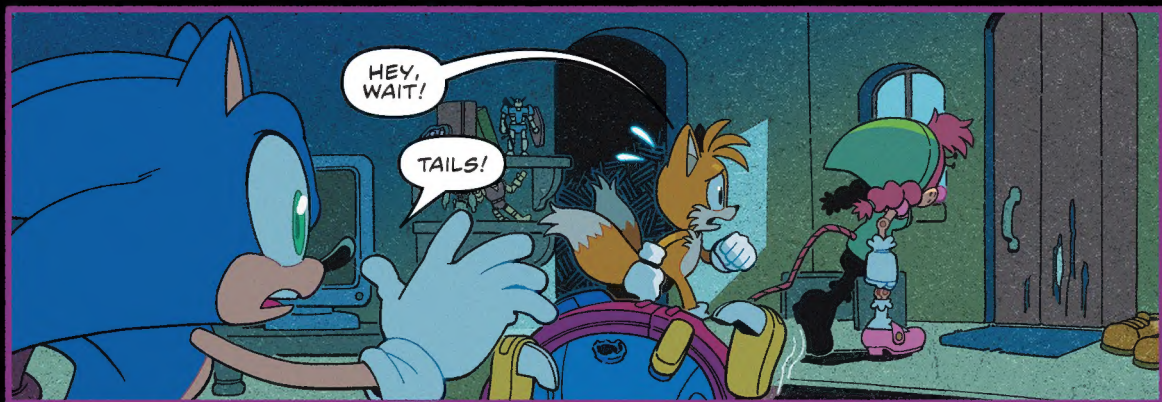
WAIT, NOT CHILI DOGS? ARE YOU OKAY?

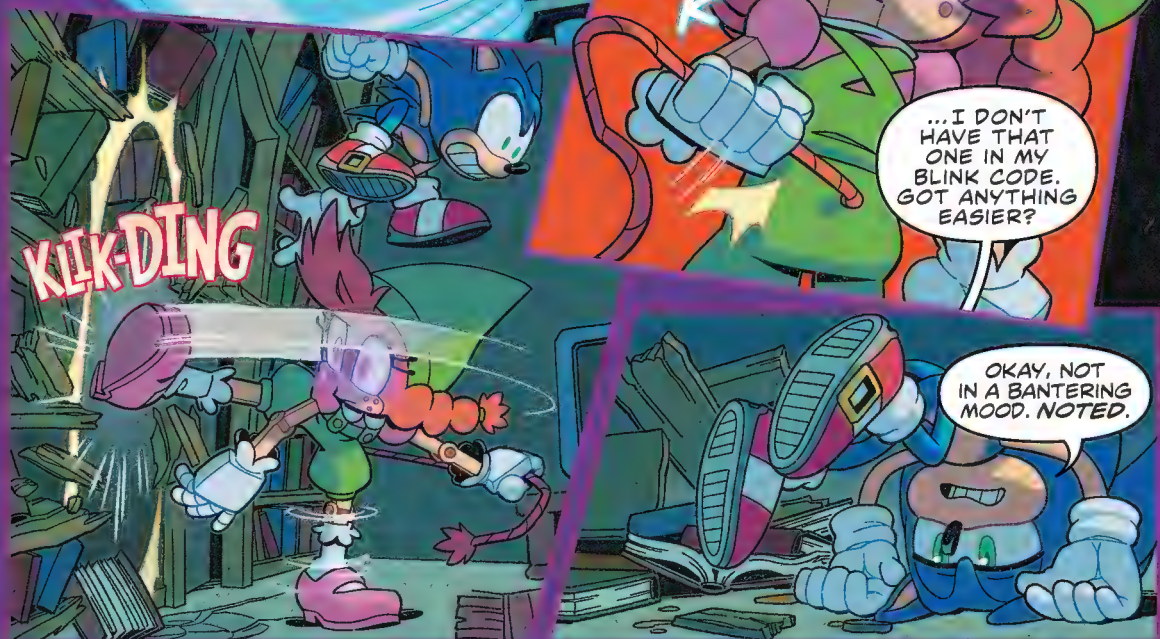
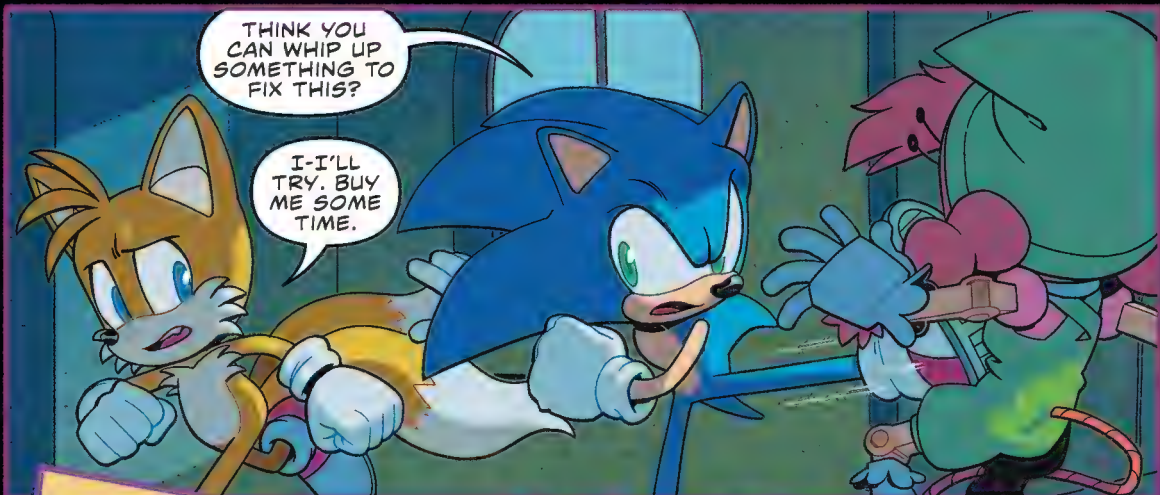
I LIKE TO EAT OTHER THINGS! I'LL JUST HAVE A CHILI DOG FOR DESSERT.

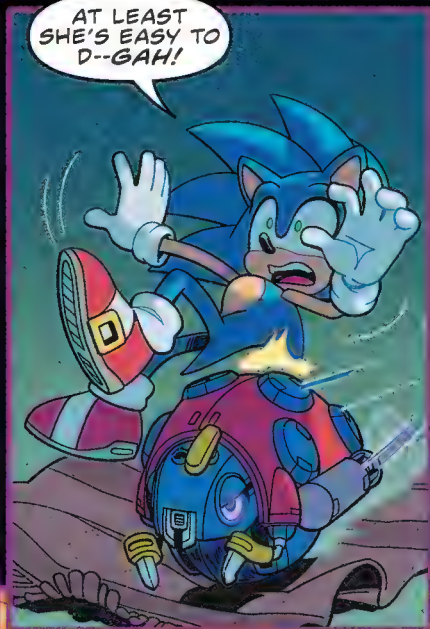




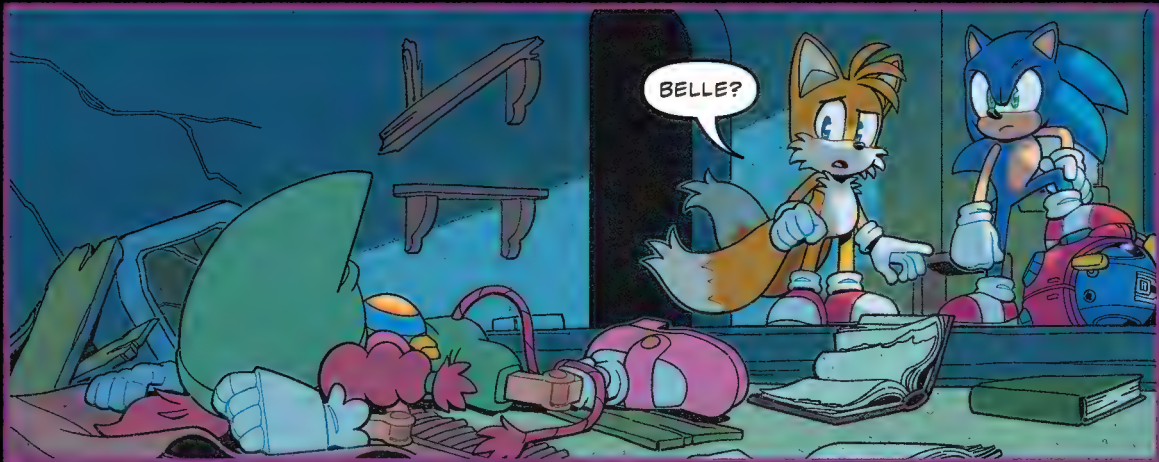












BELLE?



...I-IT'S
ME. I'M
OKAY.



IT'S A GOOD THING I
HAD THAT PROTOTYPE
ZETI ZAPPER* LEFT OVER.
IT'LL STOP ANY WIRELESS
SIGNALS GOING
IN OR OUT.

ARE YOU...
SURE YOU'RE
OKAY?

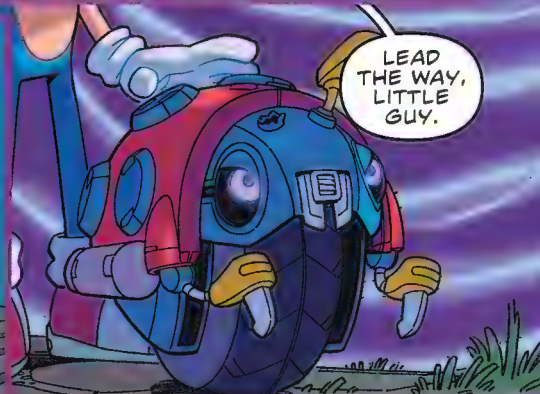
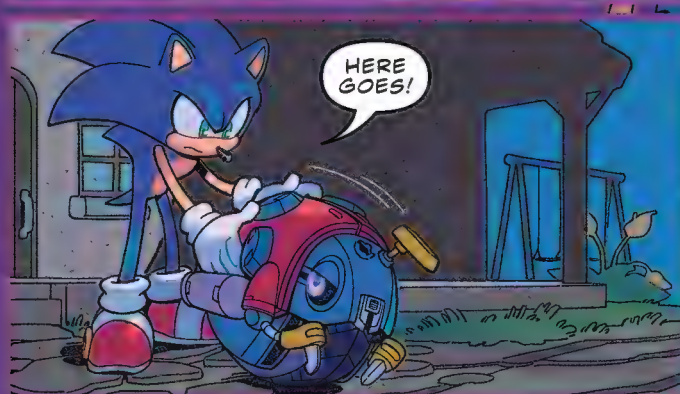
*SEE STH #42--EDS.

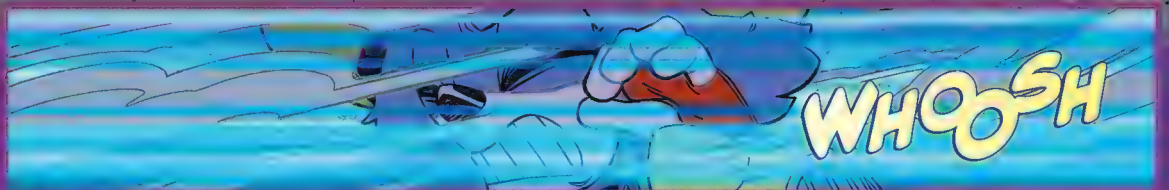
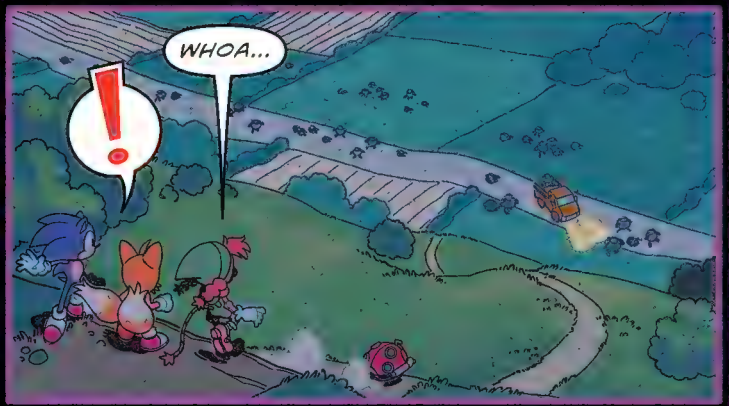


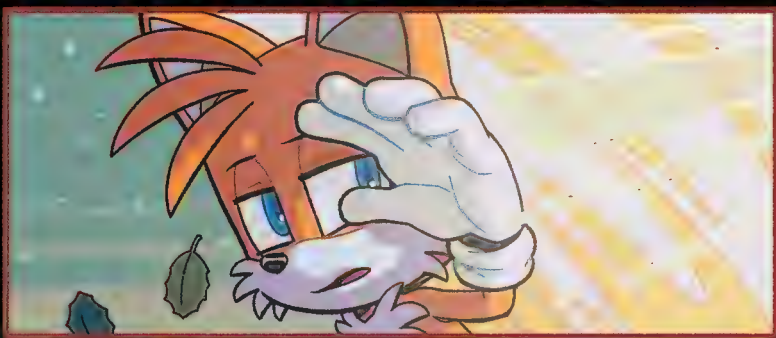
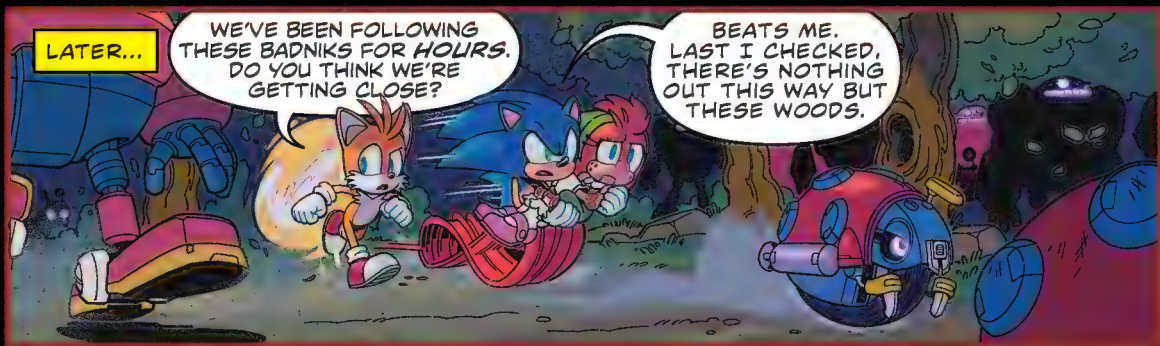
IT WAS A BEACON.
BADNIKS--ALL OF
THEM--HAVE BEEN
CALLED IN. EGGMAN
IS SUMMONING AN
ARMY. AND I...

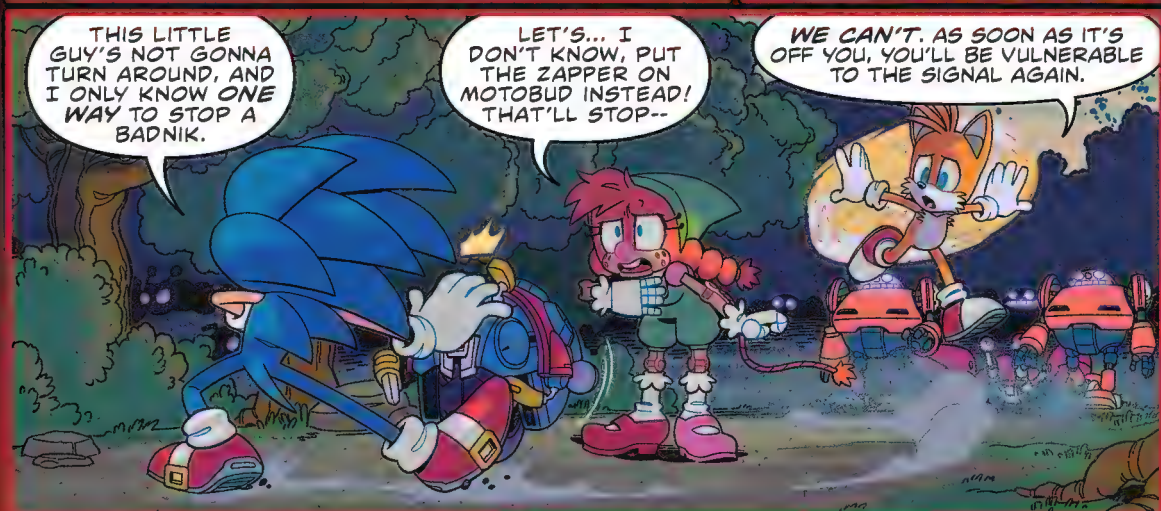


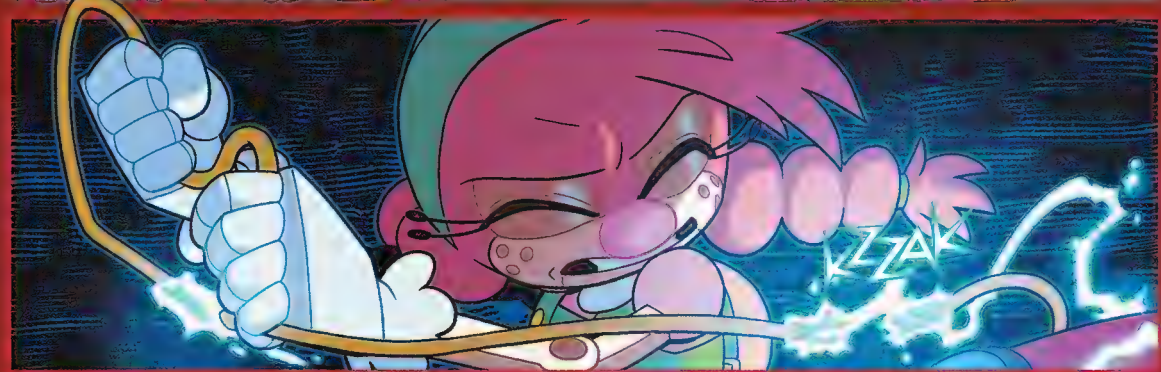
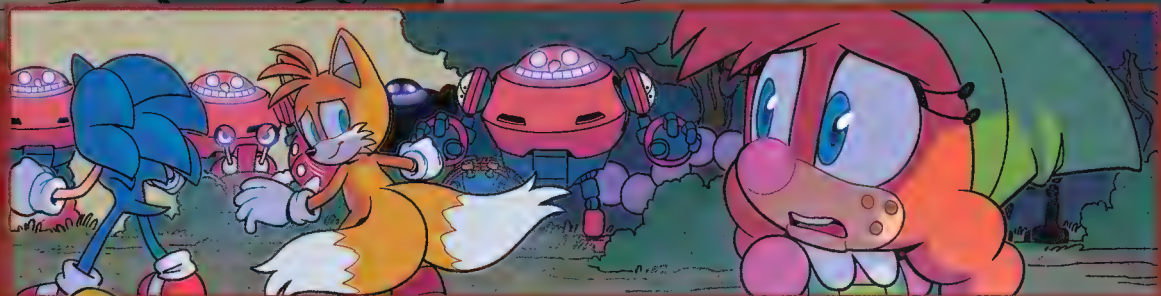
...I AM
GOING TO FIND
THAT MAN AND
GIVE HIM A PIECE
OF MY MIND BECAUSE
I AM TIRED OF
GETTING YANKED
AROUND.

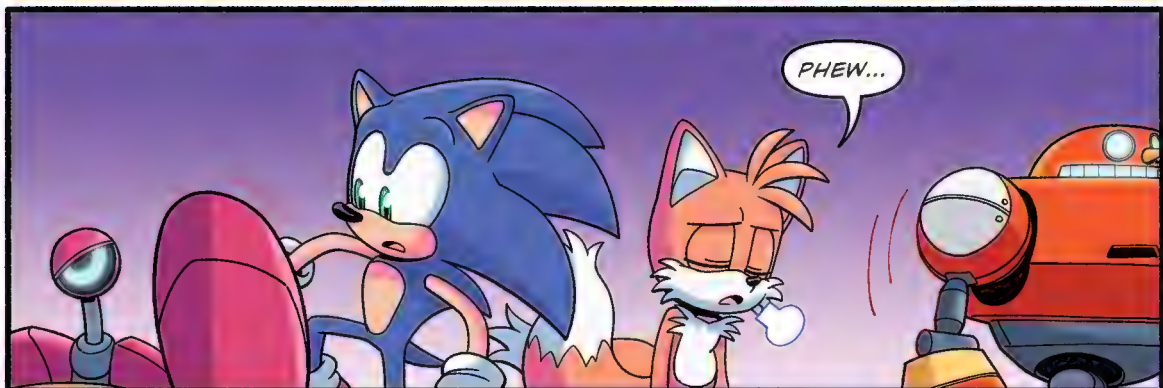
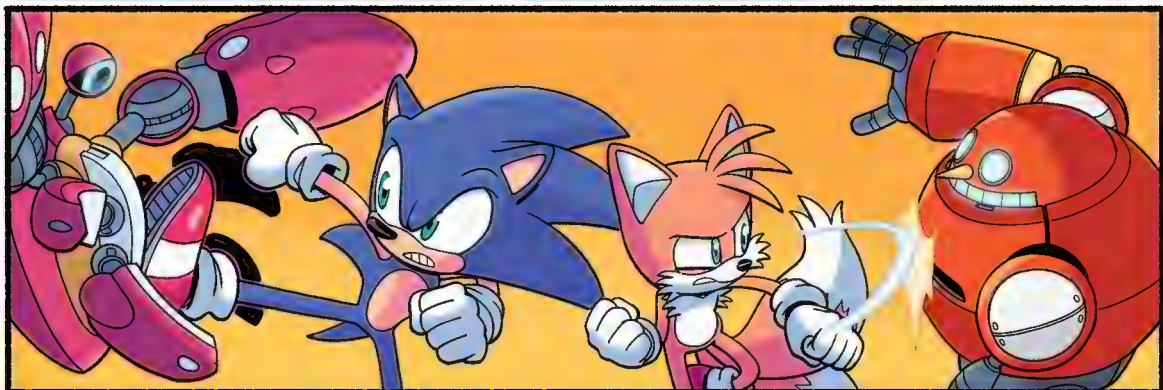
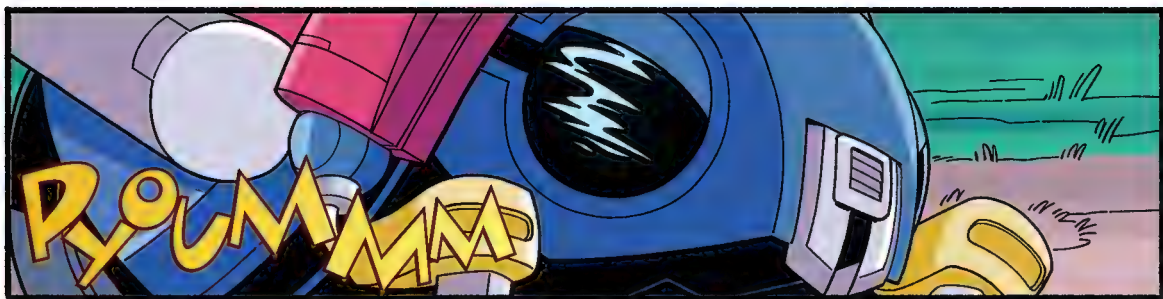












"TO WHOMEVER FINDS THIS LETTER, IT IS FOR MY DAUGHTER, BELLE THE TINKERER. I HOPE THAT ONE DAY SHE MIGHT READ IT, UNLIKELY AS THAT MAY BE."

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Though I am a captive, I do not ask for rescue. It's too late for that. This is a confession, to ease an old man's conscience.

We lived a good life, bringing joy to those around me. Watching you become a wonderful woman, you are.

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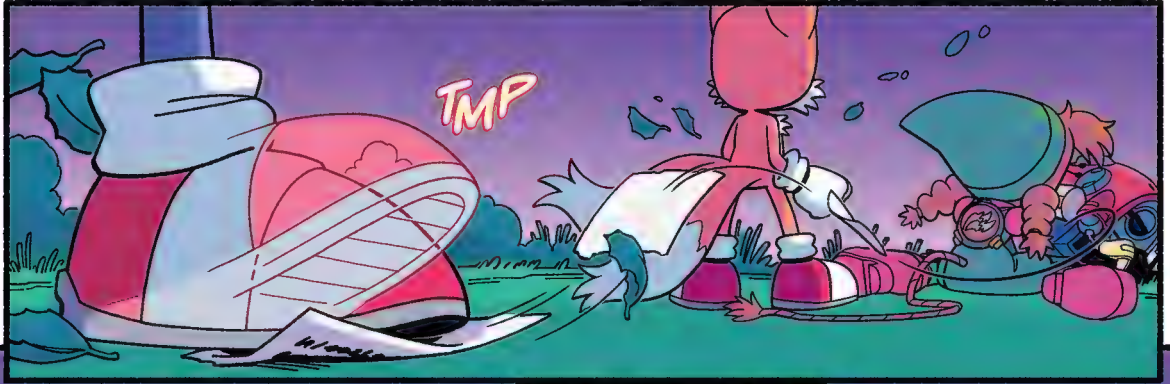
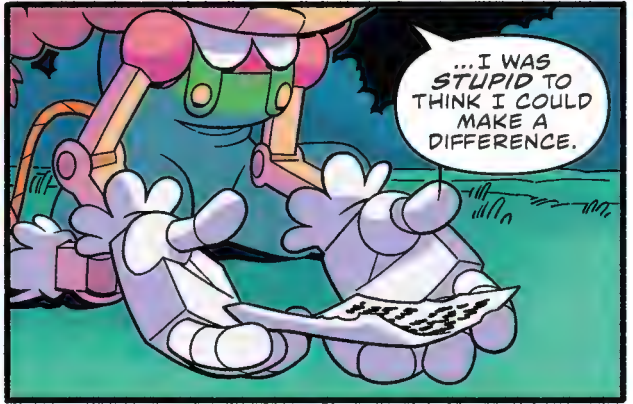
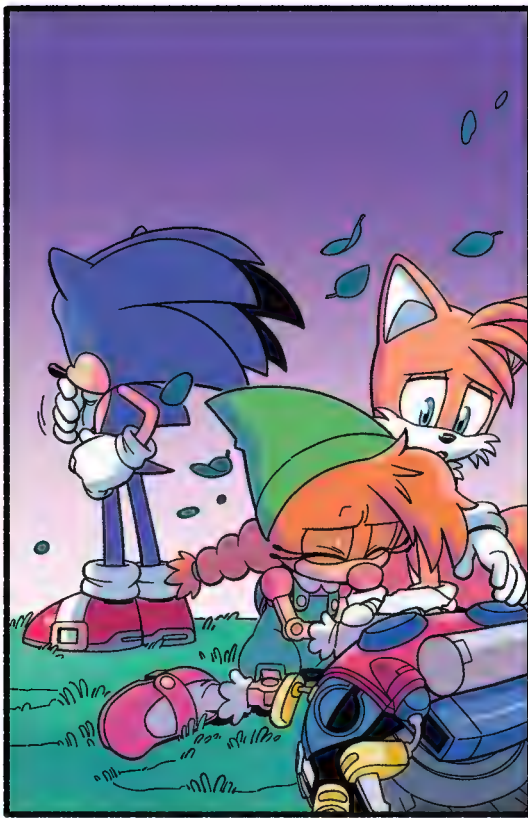
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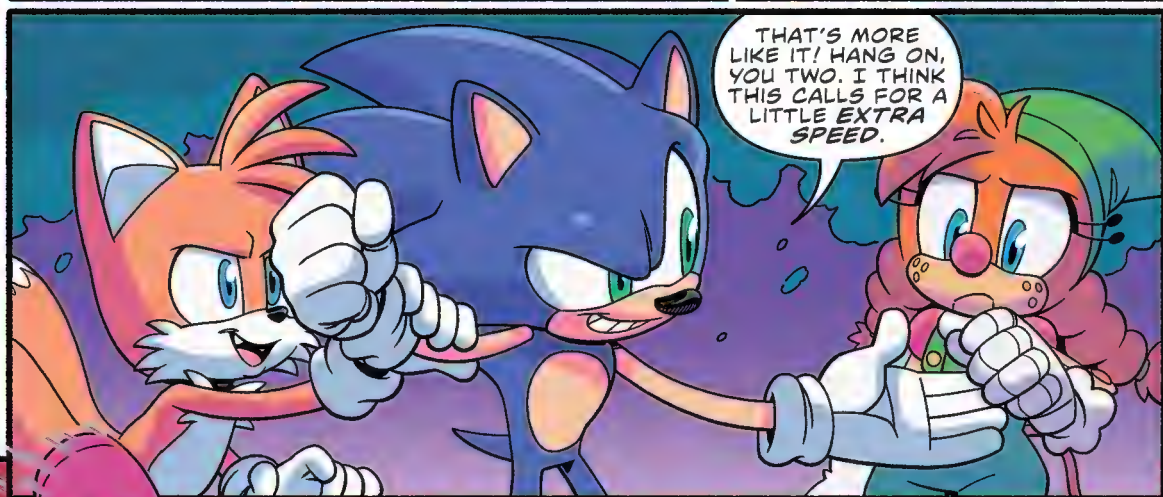
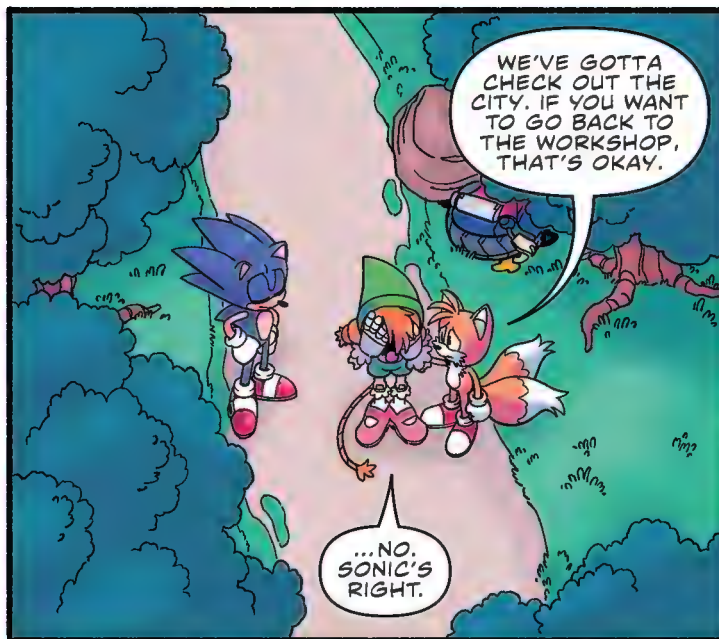
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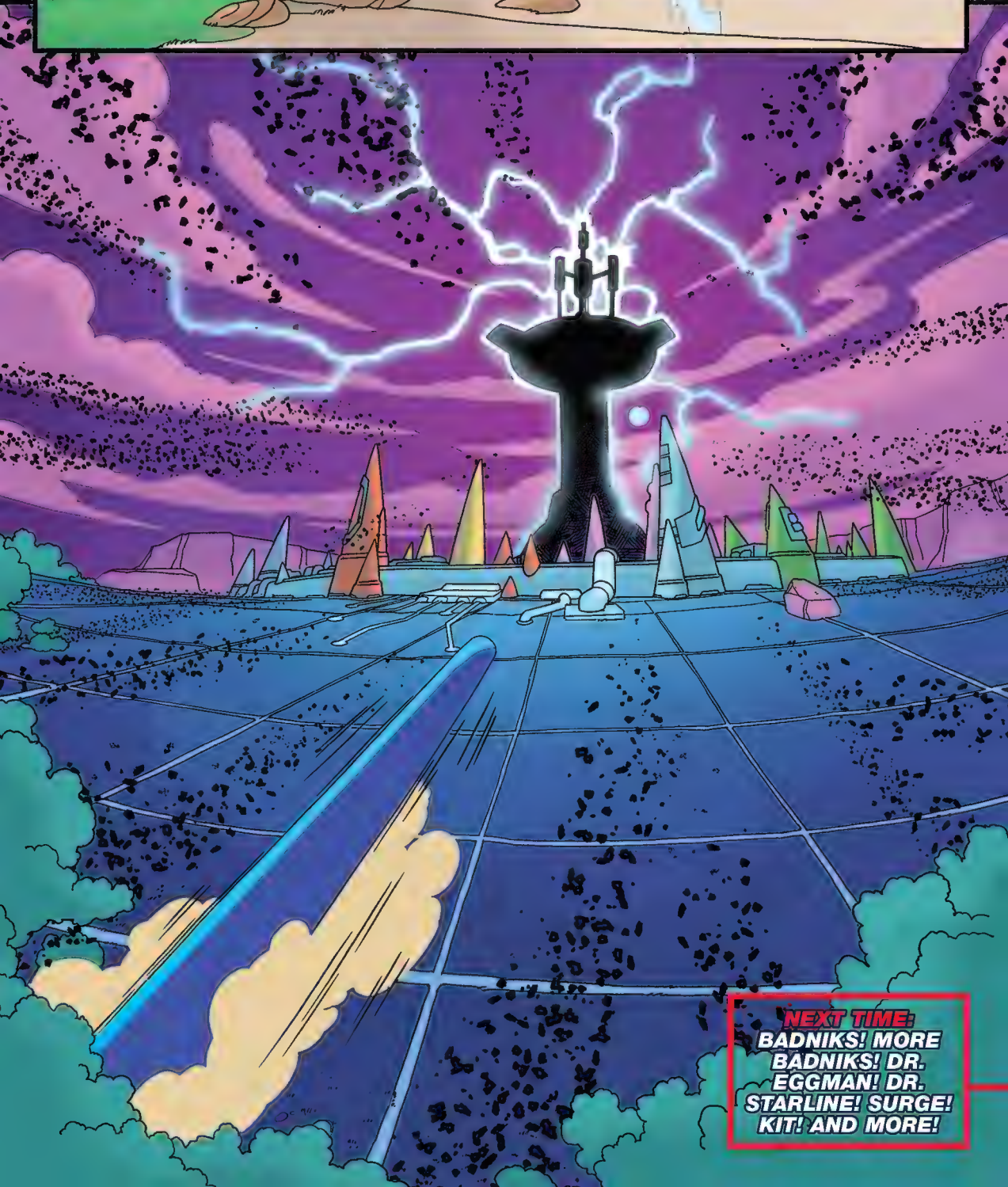
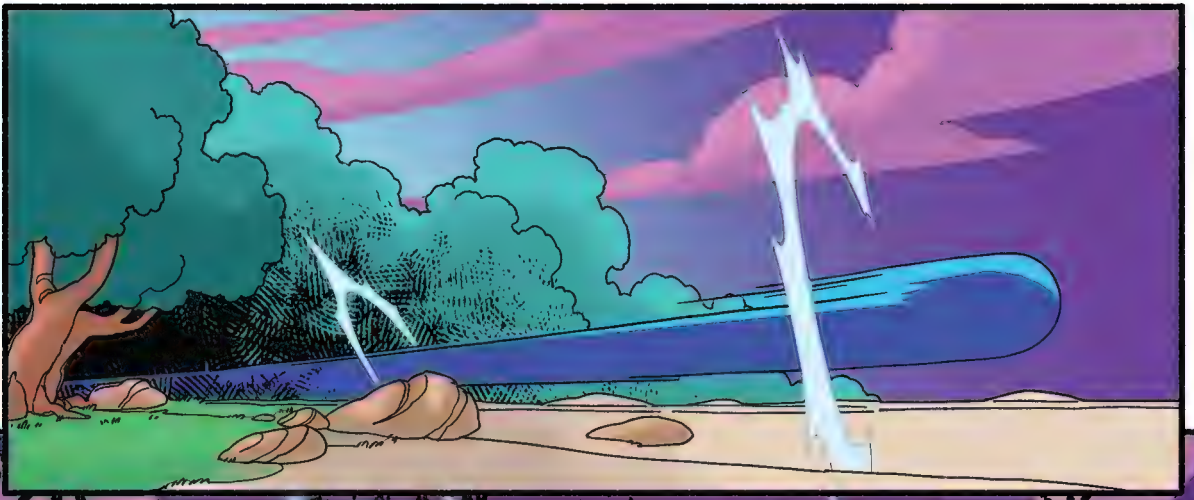
"I AM NOT DR. EGGMAN, BUT IF I SOMEHOW LOSE MYSELF TO THIS NIGHTMARE... I AM TRULY, DEEPLY SORRY, TO YOU, AND TO THE WORLD."

"I LOVE YOU, BELLE. I ALWAYS WILL. GOODBYE."

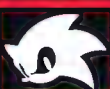
"--MR. TINKER"







NEXT TIME:
BADNIKS! MORE
BADNIKS! DR.
EGGMAN! DR.
STARLINE! SURGE!
KIT! AND MORE!

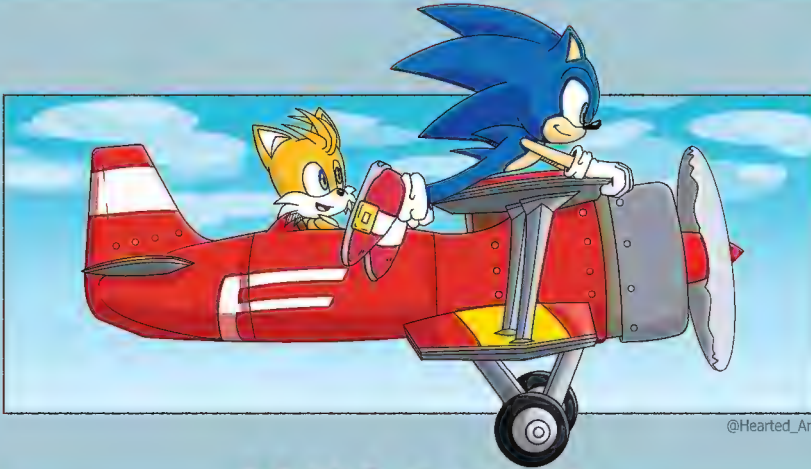


NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



ART BY
NICHOLAS

SONIC & TAILS



ART BY
SARAH



ART BY
RAY

9 Years Old



ART BY
IDW/FANBOY

Greetings, Sonic Squad! AHH! It's almost time for the big battle! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Matt Herms, Heather Breckel, and Shawn Lee for "Wound Up"! Now, let's check out your art and get to know a little bit more about Sonic The Hedgehog: Imposter Syndrome artist **Thomas Rotblisberger!**

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com and make sure to mark them, "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, check out the conclusion to Imposter Syndrome #4 which leads up to our milestone issue #50 for an epic showdown.

CREATOR CORNER: **THOMAS ROTH LISBERGER**



What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I started out doing covers, but I've recently been given the chance to do some interiors! I do the pencils and inks, which then get handed off to the colorist/letterer/editor/assistant editor. (Wizards, basically.)

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

I'm going to try to keep it interesting and limit it to IDW-specific characters, so... Whisper! Easy. Wait—no! I mean Surge and Kit!

How do you take your chili dog?

Spicy. Sliced jalapeños and plenty of cayenne. If I'm not sweating while I eat it, I don't want anything to do with it. No onions!

How did you first discover Sonic?

The first console I ever owned was the Sega Genesis that came with *Sonic 2* as a pack-in title. That was my first exposure to the guy, and he's been a part of my life, in one way or another, ever since.

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

I did the pencils/inks for the B cover on issue #35.

What's a boring fact about yourself?

Hammerheads are my favorite type of shark.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Jeff Smith's *Bone*.

What do you do when you're not drawing/working on Sonic?

Spend time with my very supportive family. We've been getting into board/tabletop games recently. Feels like I spend more time researching and learning rules than I do actually sitting down to play anything. I guess that's board games though!

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

The Sanic chili dog-flavored G FUEL collector's box. It was an impulse buy, and there isn't a day that goes by that I don't look at it with regret.

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Big the Cat. He's very down-to-earth, and I feel like there would be more eating, less talking.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

Turtle. Thomas the Turtle. What could possibly go wrong?



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